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Honorable Dick Swett
House of Representatives
128 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Swett:

Thank you for your letter regarding recent cable television system rate increases in advance of the implementation of the Cable Act of 1992.

The Commission has a clear understanding that Congress adopted the Cable Act of 1992 to constrain unreasonable cable rates. The Commission is in the process of formulating rules implementing the rate provisions of the law and is seeking public comment on those provisions that address rate rollbacks, refunds, and evasions of statutory requirements. The Commission will attempt to implement these provisions faithfully, and will consider the conduct of the cable industry during the interim period in deciding what kind of regulation is needed.

Your letter will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of your concerns during its deliberations. I trust that the foregoing and the enclosures are informative.

Sincerely,

Roy J. Stewart

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Chief, Mass Media Bureau

Enclosures

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DICK SWETT
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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-2902

December 28, 1992

Chairman Alfred C. Sikes
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

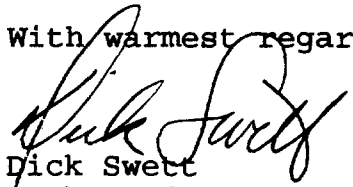
The Cable Television Consumer Protection Act of 1992, which recently became law, has as its primary goal the protection of consumers against unreasonable cable rates.

As you know, some cable companies are exploiting the interim period before the issuance of implementing regulations to raise their rates. This is certainly a violation of the spirit of the new law and a matter of great concern to me and many of my constituents.

The new Cable Act gives the FCC the authority to order rate rollbacks and to take action to prevent cable operators from evading the rate regulation provisions of the law.

I am writing to underscore that the FCC's enforcement of the law must protect consumers against unreasonable rates. In particular, I would urge you to pay particular attention to those cable operators who rush through rate increases in anticipation of rate regulation.

With warmest regards,


Dick Swett
Member of Congress

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